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PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR EXAMINERS COMMITTEE
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FAMILY THERAPY EXAMINERS

IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSE OF

Administrative Action

JULIE S. WEGRYN License No. 37PC00004600

CONSENT ORDER

TO PRACTICE PROFESSIONAL COUNSELING: IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY :

This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Professional Counselor Examiners Committee of the New Jersey State Board of Marriage and Family Therapy Examiners (hereinafter "the Committee") upon receipt of a complaint from C.O. alleging that Julie S. Wegryn, ("Respondent"), a licensed professional counselor, engaged in professional misconduct.

On December 1, 2005, Respondent appeared with counsel Joel B. Korin, Esq., before the Committee for an investigative inquiry. During her appearance Respondent provided testimony revealing that

she has supervised Joseph P. Finley's practice of professional counseling and psychotherapy at Christian Counseling and Therapy Associates, a for-profit private practice, since Mr. Finley's academic internship ended on April 30, 2003 to the present. Respondent testified that as Mr. Finley's supervisor she assigns clients to him for counseling and psychotherapy services at Christian Counseling and Therapy Associates. She further testified that since April 30, 2003, Mr. Finley has provided professional counseling services to approximately twelve (12) clients including the complainant C.O. Respondent testified that she believed that Mr. Finley's continued practice at Christian Counseling and Therapy Associates beyond his last academic semester at Neumann College was lawful and appropriate. Respondent admitted that Mr. Finley has not held any license which would entitle him to provide such services in the State of New Jersey since he has been under her supervision.

Having reviewed the entire record, it appears to the Committee that Respondent's conduct provides grounds to take disciplinary action against her license to practice professional counseling pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(n), in that Respondent has permitted Joseph P. Finley, an unlicensed person, to perform an act(s) for which a license is required by the Committee and has aided and abetted Joseph P. Finley in performing such an act(s). Respondent's conduct also appears to provide grounds to take disciplinary action

against Respondent's license to practice professional counseling pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(e), in that Respondent has engaged in professional misconduct, as it pertains to N.J.A.C. 13:34-18.5, N.J.A.C. 13:34-29.3, and N.J.A.C. 13:34-29.4.

Respondent being desirous of resolving this matter without further proceedings and the Committee having determined that the following provisions are sufficiently protective of the public interest and welfare, and for good cause shown:

- Respondent shall be and is hereby reprimanded.
- 2. Respondent's license to practice professional counseling in the State of New Jersey is hereby placed on probation for a period of one (1) year.
- 3. Respondent shall permanently cease and desist from supervising other mental health students and professionals.
- 4. Respondent shall successfully complete a three (3) credit graduate level course pre-approved by the Committee in the area of diagnosis and treatment of Psychopathology. Said pre-approved course whether completed through a distance learning (internet) academic program or by attendance shall be completed at a regionally accredited institution by the end of Spring semester 2007. Respondent understands that this course is in addition to the biennial hours of continuing education required pursuant to

- N.J.A.C. 13:34-15.1. Respondent shall submit proof of successful completion of the course on or before July 1, 2007.
- 5. Respondent shall pay the costs of the State's investigation in the amount of four hundred thirty two dollars (\$432.00) due and payable no later than thirty (30) days following the entry date of the Order. Payment shall be submitted to the Committee by certified check or money order made payable to the State of New Jersey. The payment shall be sent to Elaine DeMars, Executive Director, State of New Jersey Professional Counselor Examiners Committee, Post Office Box 45007, Newark, New Jersey 07101.
- 6. Respondent shall pay a civil penalty in the amount of five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) due and payable no later than thirty (30) days following the entry date of the Order. Payment shall be submitted to the Committee by certified check or money order and made payable to the State of New Jersey. The payment shall be sent to Elaine DeMars, Executive Director, State of New Jersey Professional Counselor Examiners Committee, Post Office Box 45007, Newark, New Jersey 07101.
- 7. Respondent shall continue to comply with N.J.A.C. 13:34-29.1 et seg.
- 8. Any deviation from the terms of this Consent Order without the prior written consent of the Committee shall be grounds for disciplinary action as the Committee may determine and may

constitute grounds for new charges to further suspend or revoke Respondent's license.

NEW JERSEY STATE PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR EXAMINERS COMMITTEE

Bv:

J. Barry Mascari, LPC

President

I have read and understand the within Consent Order and agree to be bound by its terms. Consent is hereby given to the Committee to enter this Order.

Julie S. Wegryn, LPC

May 1, 2006

Consent as to form and entry:

Joel B. Korin, Esq.

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